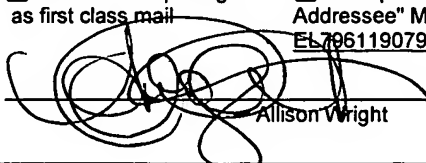


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This preliminary amendment is being made contemporaneously with the filing of the above-identified application. Please amend the above-identified application as outlined below.

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 30-35, 38-43, 48-54 and 56-57 without prejudice or disclaimer and add claims 58-75 as follows:

58. A method of applying an adhesive to a work surface, comprising:
controllably applying suction to said work surface;
applying an adhesive flow to said work surface; and
removing excess adhesive from said work surface with said suction.

59. The method of claim 58 wherein said adhesive comprises a multiple component material.

60. The method of claim 59 wherein said multiple component material is a fibrinogen tissue adhesive.